



## South Coast Air Quality Management District

### Engineering & Compliance

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#### SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANEGEMENT DISTRICT

#### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 30, 1985  
**TO:** Permit Processing Engineers  
**FROM:** Sanford M. Weiss, Director of Engineering /s/ SMW  
**SUBJECT:** Potentially Toxic Organic Solvents

In a recent meeting with the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CAL OSHA), the organization expressed concern with regard to the use of organic solvents that are on the list of potentially toxic compounds. They are concerned that several companies have recently switched from acetone to methylene chloride in order to meet our rules which consider methylene chloride as exempt because it is not an ozone precursor. They believe that such a switch could be detrimental to the employees' health and safety.

Because of those concerns, I am establishing the following policies:

1. We are not to recommend to any company the alternative of switching from a nonexempt solvent to an "exempt" solvent if that "exempt" solvent is on the potentially toxic list.
2. When it is determined that a company is subject to the requirements of modeling and a risk assessment for an organic solvent on the potentially toxic list, information sent to the State Department of Health Services should also be sent to CAL OSHA, Research and Standards, 525 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102, and the applicant should be referred to CAL OSHA at (415) 557-2037 for consultation.

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